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1. In mid-February 1951 residents of the Wuchang-Hankow area were instructed by the authorities to prepare sandbags and water pails for use in air raid defense.
2. In early February Hupeh provincial authorities decided to move from Hankow to Hsiaokan (113-55, 30-56), if evacuation of Hankow becomes necessary. All public organizations and school in the Hankow area are preparing for possible evacuation.
3. There are a large number of pillboxes along the Hankow-Peiping railroad between Hankow and Chenghsien (113-40, 34-45). Passengers are forbidden to look out the windows when passing over the Chenghsien railroad bridge.
4. A large amount of important supplies that have been evacuated from Canton are stored at Shihmatsun (石馬村), north of P'anyu (113-26, 23-01).
5. Between 12 and 17 February 1951 northbound trains from Canton carried machinery, strategic materials, metals, silver, and government archives. Most of the material had been sent to Canton from Shench'uan. The first unloading point for the trains was Wuch'ang (114-17, 30-32).

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